

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

COLOSSIANS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To confront unspecified errors in the church at Colossae and to show that believers have everything they need in Christ Jesus.

Author

Paul

Date

Colossians was written about AD 60 during Paul's imprisonment in Rome.

Audience

To the church at Colossae and to all believers everywhere.

Setting

It appears that Paul did not personally establish the church there, but instead a Colossian named Epaphras traveled to Ephesus, responded to Paul's gospel message, and returned to share the good news in Colossae.

Special Features

Jesus is presented as having absolute supremacy and sole sufficiency. Similar to Ephesians, probably because it was written about the same time, Colossians has a difference emphasis.



Key Verses

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." (1:19-20 ESV)

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." (1:27b ESV)

"When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (3:4 ESV)

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (3:17 NIV)

Key People

Paul, Timothy, Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Mark, Epaphras

Key Places

Colossae, Laodicea